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To Whom It May Concern:

The proposal to site a toxic ash landfill in what is one of the last, vast pristine, areas of Connecticut's agricultural and forestry land is absolutely preposterous, as well as terribly irresponsible. This land abundant with wildlife and active fisheries sits atop of what is regarded by many in the area as the aquifer that feeds most of the adjoining properties' drinking wells. All about the surrounding areas are the archaeological remains of early pre-revolutionary home-sites dating back to the early 1600's. The proposed site is situated adjacent to the Shetucket River, a highly regarded fishing stream by the DEP stocked with edible trout and Atlantic salmon.

This proposed site, recommended as a potential area by the state in a study put into place in 1989, has evolved considerably since then. The days of dealing with pollution by dilution have been dismissed by most environmental scientists as dangerously ineffective. The CRRRA has openly admitted that their encasement systems leak and the DEP has admitted that they do not have the manpower to monitor the local wells. Many residential homes have been constructed in the immediate area since that time, and grow organic produce, harvest deer and other game from the forest or readily consume the fish from the Shetucket River and its tributaries. The traffic which is already congested in the area, would fill the air and roadways with even greater hazards and air pollution, as possibly as many as 60 trucks per day carry their toxic payloads through these people's neighborhoods.

Doesn't it make more sense to find better ways to limit the State's production of this waste, and then locate it in an area other than what has been named the "The Last Green Valley" of Connecticut? Why not locate this site in an industrial or commercial area where nature has already been somewhat disrupted or polluted? Perhaps the State will not have to drive these pollutants to such a distant outpost, and save our taxpayers some much needed gas money. There are several other sites that make far greater sense, do not jeopardize people's health and well being, and will not destroy one of the last places in Connecticut where nature still exists as it did when our forefathers arrived. Will we leave nothing to our future generations that is still clean and safe for their families to enjoy?

Sincerely,

*Scott Jacobs*